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euglena

Euglena spp.

Kingdom: Protista
Division/Phylum: Euglenophyta

Features

Euglena are microscopic, single-celled protists. Each euglena has several chloroplasts, at least one flagellum for movement, and an eyespot.

Natural History

Euglena are aquatic, living in even polluted waters. Euglena reproduce asexually by longitudinal fission. Each may produce its own food using its chloroplasts or it may be a predator.

Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams; constructed lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; natural lakes and prairie marshes; wet prairies and fens; bottomland forests

Iowa Status

common, native

Iowa Range

statewide